

from "w. Que. to Del." by Gray's Manual, while its easterly limit in Canada is the single station in Quebec (see Rouleau in *RHODORA* 47: 272. 1945). It may be noted that Quebec is included in the range of this species by Gray's Manual, but omitted by Victorin from his *Flore Laurentienne*. Victorin apparently overlooked the old specimen preserved at McGill University and the record of the station on Nun's Island, near Montreal, only casually mentioned by Rouleau, for the plant has been known from there for a century and a quarter. It was found there by Dr. Andrew Holmes, his collection "made in the neighborhood of Montreal as early as 1821" (Macoun, *Cat. Can. Pl. i.* pp. v, vi and 91). *Floerkea proserpinacoides* represents a family, the Limnanthaceae, not hitherto found in the Maritime Provinces.—DAVID ERSKINE AND WILFRED SCHOFIELD, Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S.

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*SCIRPUS verecundus*, nom. nov. *S. planifolius* Muhl. *Descr. Gram.* 32 (1817), not *S. planifolius* Grimm in *Nov. Act. Nat. Cur.* iii. (1767) App. 259.

Unfortunately Grimm's *Scirpus planifolius* has not found its way into *Index Kewensis*, so that its priority over Muhlenberg's name for a wholly different species has been overlooked by students of the genus in this country. Attention to the matter, with the clear statement that *S. planifolius* Muhl. is a much later homonym, was published in 1939 by Mansfeld in *Fedde, Repert. Spec. Nov.* xlvii. 270 (1939). Mansfeld identified *S. planifolius* Grimm with *S. compressus* (L.) Pers. (1805) not Moench (1794) and called it *S. distichus* Peterm. (1844); and Hylander, in his *Nomenkl. und Systemat. Studien Nordisch. Gefässpfl.* 92 (1945) [Uppsala Universitets Årsskrift 1945: 7: 92] takes up *S. planifolius* Grimm to replace *S. compressus* (L.) Pers. The name, which was published by Grimm in 1767, with proper citations of earlier descriptions of Haller and Ruppius, cannot be used for the wholly different plant described by Muhlenberg.—M. L. FERNALD.

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